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EDITORIAL

Trea Wiltshire | August Editor

Trea Wiltshire has been a journalist in Africa, the UK and Asia and is the author of many illustrated history and travel books. She is the Review's Editorial Manager and a long-time contributor.

Getting change right

There's a thread running through this month's editorial and it has to do with change: big, small and seasonal: how change can challenge (getting your head around the arrival of FOGO?); how it can threaten (think the 'Cash is Welcome' fight-back); and how it can transform (locals putting their heads together to morph three important local committees into two).

What is vital in navigating changes is the nature of the conversations that accompany them – and there's a timely event coming our way this month that enables you to bring your own big ideas about changes you'd like to see in Darlington to the first ever Community Conversation.

You can read all about this and other events in this issue (hopefully in a warm café with coffee or hot chocolate) as we finally savour the arrival of winter rains. Recently, we came across an early evening gathering around the Community Garden fire pit with aromatic mulled wine being ladled from a large saucepan. It's a time for walking/riding the heritage trail, enjoying the chorus of frogs and sounds of Nyannia, and (in the Hall) the sounds of the Irish fiddle and flute from Darlington Concerts. And, of course, it's lovely weather for ducks – but please be aware they are cavalier when crossing roads!

In the August issue we'll introduce readers to the new CEO at the helm of Mundaring Shire, Jason Whiteaker, who has a bit to say about FOGO (see MY PLACE) and two local artists mounting a novel mother-and-son exhibition of their works. We'll admire yet again one of our best-loved heritage landmarks, St Cuthbert's, that's in need of our help. And we'll say hello to several locals doing good things and remind talented young residents that the Bob Juniper Award is on the horizon. But first we need to ask you to ponder how did the architectural mismatch of the 1970s Darlington Hall become today's impressive landmark building. You'll find the answer in one of our editorial stories.

A call for help from St Cuthbert's

Generous acts of giving – of land, the lych gate and stone wall, the original bell and glowing stained-glass windows – all are woven through the story of St Cuthbert's Anglican Church. Now, as parishioners prepare to mark the centenary of its foundation next month, the parish is seeking an act of community giving to ensure this well-loved heritage building remains a landmark for future generations.

When driving into Darlington for the first time, the small stone church wreathed by tall trees becomes an instant landmark. It's the first heritage building you encounter in a village that values its history, and around the corner is the mellow stonework of the one-time wine cellar that became the village hall.

When St Cuthbert's was consecrated in 1925, the small Hills hamlet was on the cusp of growth. Across the railway line, the vines of Darlington Vineyard – that had marked the seasons in green and gold since the 1880s – were about to be carved into residential blocks.

At the time, the addition of a second church would have been celebrated by the small and scattered community. St Cuthbert's joined the timber Congregational Church (in Amherst Avenue) that had been welcoming locals for more than a decade. These were more godly times, when most people had a faith, and when Darlington's Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodists parishioners were already talking of sharing a place of worship. That building (now home to Darlington Christian Fellowship) saw the congregations become the Darlington United Church in the 1950s.

With the closure of churches in recent years, St Cuthbert's now serves Anglicans from Bellevue to Parkerville, but it is also a valued community resource, with its hall available for hire at a modest fee.

Locals are drawn to the air of peace and tranquillity in the shaded gardens that are overseen by long-time parishioner John Ewing who is grateful for the help of community members. Sue Lennard, who grows gardens right across our village, can regularly be seen adding mulch and moving between the native plants she tends.

"Sue has developed a lot of the garden and it's a wonderful partnership," observes John. "She wants to see it beautiful and we're truly grateful because the grounds are a place where people like to just sit – and be!"

John joined the church in the early 1990s. "At that time, I was going through a tough time in my life," he recalls, "and people here just looked after me and I've been here ever since.

Former rector Julie Baker with Church Wardens John Ewing and Jill Mackenzie

Yes, I've seen changes, but what hasn't changed is the constant vibrant care by people for each other and for people outside the church. We're not a social welfare organisation, but the church has that sense of togetherness and a sense that what we are here for is to build the love that's so evident as soon as you come into this place…"

The church's outreach to communities beyond Darlington includes working with World Vision and Parkerville Children and Youth Care, and helping students at Clayton View Primary.

"This church has played an important part in the lives of many in Darlington, it's woven into the tapestry of family lives – baptisms, weddings, funerals – and not just for those who regularly attend our services," says the former Rector Julie Baker.

"We have a congregation of faithful worshipers and their donations sustain the church because we receive no funding from the Anglican Diocese of Perth. So, while the Parish Congregation pays for the Church's ministry, we do need help to ensure that this historic building is here to stay for future generations."

The granite building was pronounced structurally sound in 2019 when a restoration appeal saw much-need work completed (parishioners raised $10,000). However, there is now a growing list of maintenance needs including large cracks, stained glass windows requiring attention, plus repairs to drainage that, if ignored will cause structural damage. The cost of this repair work is likely to be $10,000.

In these hard financial times, donations are down and the departure of the rector in June after two years in office was a harsh reminder of the fact that churches such as St Cuthbert's need to be self-sustaining.

The June Review included this appeal: "As we approach the centenary of St Cuthberts on March 2, 2025, we can't ignore the fact that our' little stone church' is feeling the strain of longevity and needs some help. Would you consider supporting this village icon with a tax-deductible gift towards the ongoing maintenance and repair of the building?"

If you'd like to help there are several payment options (see the St Cuthbert's Notes in this issue).

Saving cash!

Across Australia notices are appearing in cafes and shops: "Your legal tender is very welcome. Cash does not incur fees or charges." With bank branch closures and speculation that cash could disappear – plus resentment among customers/retailers about card fees – there's a fightback happening.

"We definitely welcome cash," confirms Ben van Grootel of Darlington Liquor and Gourmet. "Card use costs us a percentage and a flat fee so we don't want cash to disappear. When eftpos or the Internet are down – a problem in the Hills – it impacts our trade and I find it scary that some banks are becoming cashless. It reduces our money to numbers on a computer screen, we lose control. And a lot of people just don't trust banks."

Research confirms that cashless payments are linked to higher levels of consumer spending and if you want to teach a child the value of money, cash is the way to go. And what about the tooth fairy? asks a local wag!

Ben, who has managed the local store since 2020, says while he's noticed cash disappearing in other locations, in Darlington it's alive well – and he'll drink to that!

Sarah and Max Thornton-Smith in front of their Darlington home; two of the 16 works (oils on 7' x 7' boards) in Max's 3 seconds in 47 hours that won the Darlington Arts Festival 2022 Youth Art Award. The work depicting the flight of a heron was made to test the concept of animated oils. https://media.giphy.com/media/YvWn51zq30VuVawtbu/giphy.gif

Not to be missed…

Growing up in a storied rammed earth house built by a celebrated Darlington artist – and with parents who've made their mark in the world of art and design – young Max Thornton-Smith could either embrace these influences or opt for a career that was a world away from Art. Unsurprisingly, he has opted for Art and is about to show his first significant body of work in a novel mother-and-son exhibition this month.

Having grown up surrounded by the art materials used by his mother Sarah Thornton-Smith and being exposed to masterpieces in some of the world's most notable galleries, Max Thornton-Smith admits there was no contest when choosing what to study at Curtin University this year. His career choice was strongly supported by his parents, and that's a plus for art-lovers because the pair are currently showing works that depict their very different journeys through life and art in an exhibition at the Midland Junction Arts Centre.

Over coffee at a local café, Sarah recalls her parents steering her away from the uncertainties of an arts career when she enrolled at Curtin's School of Art and Design. So, she studied design, then went on to make a name for herself as an artist/designer!

While the works in this exhibition are very individual, they're linked by a shared passion for colour and a perceptive curiosity about the nature and shape of the natural world. The artists also explore the visual language of memory and the flow of time through a motherhood and childhood spent in a home in the Perth Hills.

Sarah has clearly encouraged her son throughout his journey – from early drawings of dinosaurs to watching him being swept away by Picasso's Blue Period paintings in Museum Ludwig in Cologne. For Max, there have been landmarks that affirmed his career choice: winning best in show at the Darlington Arts Festival's Youth Art with an amazing oils animation depicting the flight of a heron (there is a link to this at the end of this article). Soon after, he applied for a National Gallery of Australia Summer School scholarship and spent a week-long immersion at the Canberra gallery, meeting curators, practitioners and directors and a cohort of his peers across Australia who share his passion for using technology and media unimagined when Sarah studied at Curtin. While many of his peers are exploring social and identity art, Max would get a nod from the artist whose house he grew up in, the late Robert Juniper, whose works endlessly explored the Australian landscape.

There is a wealth of creativity on display in A Home among the gum trees which runs through August at MJAC. The exhibition includes a series of two-dimensional works, a filmic animation and two beautiful monoprinted 2.7m works by Sarah that were produced in the Print Studio at MJAC. The artists will talk about their work on Saturday August 10, 1.00 – 3.00pm

L: Max Thornton-Smith: Bedshaped, 2024, oil on canvas R: Sarah Thornton-Smith : Out of time (Bengal Rose) (detail), 2024, gouache on paper. (All images courtesy of the artists).

How we ensure our legacy

We live in an amazing village, so how do we ensure that the energy and generosity of spirit that has characterised the growth of Darlington thrives into the future?

Think of the community facilities that have sprung up around Darlington in recent years – pavilion, skate park extension, community garden, and pump track. They haven't emerged from some stroke of magic or external forces – they're the result of the dedication and expertise of a host of volunteers including Cr Trish Cook, Geoff Barker, David Lavell, David Grant, Cambell Giles and others.

To ensure these projects were developed effectively and in keeping with Darlington's needs and character, they've been managed through our three key community representative organisations, Darlington Ratepayers and Residents Association (DRRA), the Darlington Sports and Recreation Association (DaSRA) and the Darlington Community Recreation Advisory Group (DCRAG). Since the Shire announcement that DCRAG is no longer a Shire advisory group, locals from these groups have been discussing future representative arrangements.

Each group, in its own way, has contributed enormously to making sure that our community – in all its diversity, from arts to sports – is well represented (to the Shire and State Government), residents are kept well informed, and projects that make 'our place' even better get the requisite community approvals and funding.

So, the Shire decision has been seen as an opportunity and a catalyst for change. Initially, Chris Arnold (at the helm of the wetland restoration project) came up with a concept that, moving forward, envisages two closely-aligned groups each with its own clearly defined roles. Such a solution would mean less confusion about which group does what, and less chance of duplication.

At the June meeting of these groups an agreement was reached that two redesigned organisations could effectively bring together the activities – and aspirations – currently delivered by three. It's a positive breakthrough that reflects a high level of

Federal, State and Shire support has funded Darlington's recent recreational developments managed by the community and initiated and delivered by DCRAG and DaSRA. Former DCRAG chair Trish Cook with former Hasluck MP Ken Wyatt and MLC Donna Faragher at the opening of the Community Garden.

acceptance of change on two fronts: the change to DCRAG and the fact that DaSRA (initially formed to complete the pavilion) has been considering its future, even as it continues auspicing and supporting ongoing projects. While it was agreed that the time is right, a lot of detail has yet to be put in place.

Darlington's do-it-yourself approach has seen residents putting together teams to deliver facilities for as long as anyone can remember. Way back, locals purchased the old wine cellar and turned it into a village hall; purchased land for the tennis club and oval; reclad and refurbished the Main Hall.

We need to ensure that 'can do' attitude and a strong spirit of volunteering thrives into the future because it means we can dream big and make changes the community supports.

What has been agreed so far is that DRRA will continue its roles of representing residents and local groups when necessary, liaising with the Shire etc. DRRA will also be the first port of call for any group/external body proposing a new project/development, and it would coordinate and organise a community meeting(s) to ensure residents are informed and in support of a proposal.

It is hoped that community groups that met quarterly at DCRAG will in future share information about their activities and project proposals at specially-designated meetings each year. A local group may choose to form its own team for a community-approved project (while keeping DRRA informed) but would also have the option of seeking help from DaSRA (with a name change) with its track record of delivering projects and bringing together project-management skills, sourcing resources, and providing technical input.

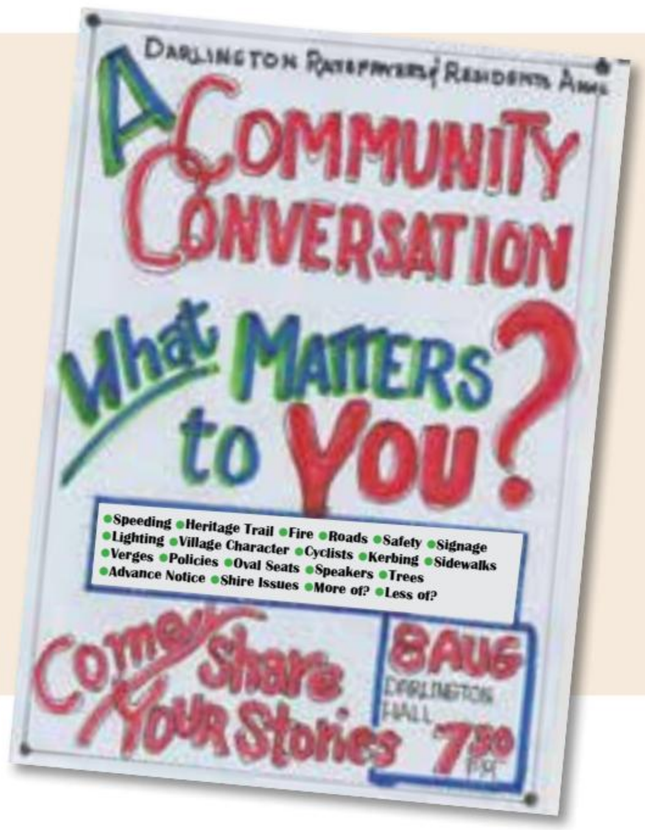
A refreshed DRRA and restructured DaSRA will be closely aligned and would share a resource database established to include details about Skills, Planning, Approvals, Information, Funding, and Current (and proposed) Projects and Activities. Improved community communications will include upgraded web pages and social media interactions.

So that's the plan … but one thing that won't change is the need for input from the community in terms of engagement and volunteering. Plans are great but they need people, skills and goodwill to make them happen!

If you want to know more, the people to contact are Geoff Barker of DaSRA (geoffbarker52@gmail.com) and Chris Arnold (arnoldcg56@gmail.com).

Time for a Community Conversation…?

Locals love to talk about Darlington when they gather on the oval or a local café, and the talk is sometimes about what can we do better, what extra facilities would be nice to have, or what issues drive us crazy and what to do about it. You'll have a chance to consider what Darlington needs and wants – whether it's additional rec facilities, CCTV, air conditioning in the Hall, better verge maintenance, reduced traffic speeds, footpaths etc – at the first ever Community Conversation organised by the Darlington Ratepayers and Resident Association. The DRRA Committee will welcome your attendance at the Lesser Hall on August 8 at 7.30pm. Councillors will be attending. If you'd like more info contact DRRA President Louise Stelfox on 0437 310 578. There's more in DRRA Notes.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The September issue

While readers have enjoyed Review editorials by a string of monthly editors who've become familiar faces, next month we'll introduce you to the first-ever husband-and-wife writing team: McGee Noble and Josh Thillagaratnam.

This talented couple settled in Darlington three years after their careers had taken them to London and Melbourne. The pair graduated from Curtin University in 2005 (degrees in film and television, broadcasting and journalism) before heading to London at a time when the communications landscape was at a crossroads, with the digital revolution radically changing the way their professions worked.

While their uni studies hadn't trained them for the arrival of the Internet, mobile devices, social media, computing clouds and the changes that kept on coming, they learnt on the job and in workplaces looking for creative young professionals. "We were the pioneer generation working on web content," recalls Josh. "We decided to jump ship on film and TV and take our chances with this new online content thing, and we've never regretted it!"

When Australia began to call them home, they worked in Melbourne but the arrival of their son Fox – and the presence of Perth-based relatives – proved to be an irresistible lure. But where to live?

"We'd had no association with the Hills but went online and loved the sort of houses we were seeing in Darlington, and the forest was definitely calling out to us," remembers Josh. Three years ago, they moved into a house in that sociable cul-de-sac Mofflin Avenue, where neighbours have become friends and the kids love cricket – like eight-year-old Fox.

Locals first encountered Josh at a ratepayers meeting addressed by the folk from Save Perth Hills. The couple had read about last year's SPH rally in the Review and they offered help in streamlining the SPH website for online public submissions in relation to the proposed North Stoneville township. You may recall there were 2,000 submissions against and only 29 for, but as you'll read in SPH notes, Satterley's proposal is still on the table, with August being crunch time for decisions.

Both McGee and Josh have their own companies: with a couple of partners, McGee works in a highly-respected content design and strategy company, Weave, that is much in demand by State and Federal governments. Josh runs a digital strategy and marketing company that helps businesses maximise their profile by using the Internet. Both are immersed in the arts with McGee doing creative writing for films and Josh, a classically trained jazz guitarist, producing electronic music.

The Review welcomes McGee and Josh as the Review's September editors. On the inside cover you can always see who in is the editor's chair, and who is preparing the next issue.

Are you young, talented and…

… eager to advance your career in the arts – in music, song and composition, dance and choreography, painting or three-dimensional art and design? If so, the deadline for applications for the Robert Juniper Award for the Arts close September 30. Many artists have benefitted from the only youth award (worth up to $10,000) in Mundaring. Some have used their win to advance their learning; to fund travel to a workshop or to complete a body of work. Recently, Darlington writer/actress Haylee Whisson used her win to write and present her one-woman-show Menswear. For more info: robertjuniperawardforthearts.org

Robert Juniper Award for the Arts Patron/Donor Trish Juniper (of Juniper Galleries) with 2021 award-winner Haylee Whisson.

A Holistic Approach to Fitness

We all know how easy it is to get stuck in a rut and become disillusioned with the direction we're heading but lack the impetus to change it. Sometimes it requires a dramatic event to bring that change about.

For Bianca Simon-Wharepapa, it was after having her first child. As she says "*I gained 30kg and struggled with PTSD from losing my mother at a young age. This was an incredibly challenging time for me, and I lost my self-esteem and confidence*".

This all made her realise she needed to focus on herself. "*I had always been active growing up, playing various sports from sailing to netball so I got back into fitness and began working on my mental health*".

Bianca took up boxing to release her frustration and anger which helped her discover an inner strength and regain her confidence.

Now the mother of two children and a time-poor FIFO wife who believes in 'choosing ourselves for our families' Bianca eventually lost the 30kg and became a personal trainer and holistic fitness coach and is inspired to help other women achieve fitness through focussing on mind, body, and soul. At the end of each session Bianca encourages her class to unwind with herbal tea and set intentions through mindfulness practices.

Sounds good to me! If you are interested, just look for the pink sign out front of the Pavilion for further details. Classes are weekdays on Monday at 9:30am and Wednesday at 5:15pm.

Bianca Simon-Wharepapa at the Community Pavilion, Darlington.

Low-carbon delivery!

We like to think the Review runs like a well-oiled machine and for the most part it does, but occasionally there's a spoke in the wheel – and that's what happened when our delivery plans for July issue went awry, leaving us wondering how to get the magazine to your letterbox.

To the rescue came mechanical engineer Geoff Frost (runner/cyclist/Triathlon enthusiast) who kindly picked up the job and literally ran with it. "I accidentally discovered I can run while trying to wear out the kelpie cross dog, then recently learned to swim at Perth Hills Tri Club," says Geoff. "So, I ran (now faster than riding) and youngest son Daniel rode – a bit of a challenge with three to four boxes on board. A low-carbon delivery, hard work but rewarding!" We're grateful for their team work.

Enjoy the many pleasures of August in Darlington.

Trea Wiltshire | August Editor

Letter to the Review

Could one of our resident Geologists please draw a rough map showing the underlying geology of Darlington that shows the different rock types e.g. granite, coffee rock and any major structural pictures of Darlington?

It could also include a brief description of geological events leading to our present underlying formations and an overlaid topographical map to illustrate how these rocks and formations have influenced our own steep hills and deep valleys.

A brief description of how our overlying forests reflect a difference of these underlying rocks e.g. why are the trees and vegetation Southwest of Oakleigh Road so different to that east of Lionel Road towards Glen Forrest?

Someone may even be interested in constructing a 3D physical or computer model of Darlington's geology and topography as an art project.

Perhaps if the idea gains acceptance, the area could extend west to include Boya and the Shire of Mundaring may be interested in a grant to make the model and have it displayed as a permanent exhibit at the Boya Public Library similar to the brilliant geological displays in the new WA Boola Bardip Museum in Perth. Thank you

Geoff Cammell

WHAT'S ON

Darlington Chamber Music Winter Concert 4

Irish Fiddle and Flute featuring Robert Zielinski and Manuela Centanni at the Darlington Hall at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 4th August. Tickets from the Little Nook, Liquor Store or Post Office or on-line through Humanitix.

DRRA Community Conversation

At the Darlington Hall 7.30 on the evening of Thursday 8th August. More information in the DRRA notes.

Countdown to Historic Community Intervention Bid

Firstly – THANK YOU – for all your amazing emails to Local Federal Hasluck MP Tania Lawrence and Federal Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek asking that Satterley's appalling North Stoneville 'offset' plan be rejected. Federal 'Offsets' are designed to enable land developers to identify 'suitable' land that will 'compensate' for bulldozing thousands upon thousands of hectares of established wildlife habitat for their developments.

We've been told that the two email boxes of our Federal MPs have overflowed from Hills residents and Save Perth Hills (SPH) supporters outraged over Satterley's proposed 'offset site' - 180 kms from North Stoneville, in the wheatbelt Shire of Williams, and where ZERO Critically Endangered Baudin Black Cockatoos have been recorded on site. (A Federal Environmental offset requirement).

Minister Plibersek can approve, seek alterations or defer Satterley's application.

The two latter options are the more likely options, because the hearing before WA's independent State's Administrative Tribunal (SAT) is set for 2025, where Satterley and the landowner, the Anglican Perth Diocese, will have to prove why their already TWICE-rejected unsafe plan, should be approved.

Drum roll – Save Perth Hills...

The clock is ticking on our historic attempt to be an active participant in the 2025 legal showdown to save North Stoneville's 530-hectares of rolling hills, 60,000 trees, and Endangered Black Cockatoo and wildlife habitat, and prevent a bushfire dangerous, environmentally destructive and stranded suburban development in the heart of our Hills.

SPH has until August 23 to apply to the State Tribunal to 'intervene' to enable us to truly represent our own Community and to call our own witnesses to give their accounts of bushfire experiences. SPH may also be permitted to cross-examine Satterley's 'expert' witnesses.

Now **that's** worth fighting for.

SAT has told us that only two applications for intervention have been successful in 18 years.

All the more reason we'll give it a massive crack to stand up to represent, and defend, our Community as we've done for the last 33 years, against the proposed North Stoneville Disaster Plan of the Past.

In order to be accepted, SPH needs to prove that we have evidence that neither Satterley nor the WAPC will have access to – and we do. We're working with our Community-funded lawyers to establish an overwhelmingly compelling legal case that proves SPH will introduce a whole new level of evidence that will turn this case on its head.

Meanwhile, Satterley has lodged their THIRD amended plan – mainly to correct a myriad of inaccuracies in data, spelling, and ambiguous information.

But, importantly, their Bushfire Modelling and Bushfire Evacuation Plans remain the same as the ones rejected outright by the WAPC and DFES in December last year.

Satterley's still relying on a non-existent un-funded proposed national highway (East Link) as their major bushfire escape solution for more than 3000 new residents. SPH has been told that East Link has no State or Federal Government appetite – or money, to build it.

And now that 'North Parkerville', over the road from North Stoneville, has been downgraded to a Rural Residential plan (was 730 homes – now just 67), Satterley has lost its financial business partner for its un-tested Waste Water Treatment Plant, because 'North Parkerville' no longer has any need to share North Stoneville's infrastructure.

SPH will know on August 30th, whether our application to intervene is successful. A legal 'Directions' hearing is scheduled for 2pm in the Tribunal. We'll be there. Please channel all the good energy you can muster to get our application over the line!

Our case is strong. Compelling. Unique. Importantly, it has capacity to set important planning precedents for bushfire prone Communities – everywhere.

Our case comes at a time when the voice of local Communities is slowly but surely being silenced by threats of heavy-handed corporate litigation and by changing planning policies designed to lock us out. Yet at the end of the day, people just like us, have to live with the inappropriate and dangerous and destructive fallout of profit-driven-planning, such as North Stoneville's Plan of the Past.

If ever there were a David and Goliath battle, this is it. We'd have thought, after 33 years of constant failure, relentless Community opposition and repeated rejection at the highest levels, North Stoneville's landowner, the Anglican Diocese of Perth, would've put the brakes on this crazy 1990s idea that is now so out-of-step with modern planning, environmental awareness - and climate change, it's down-right embarrassing.

Instead, the Diocese's business partner, Australia's biggest private land developer - Satterley, is taking us all for a ride on an expensive, ratepayer and taxpayer burdened, legal circus when simple, and free, common-sense has all the answers we need.

On that note - our Goliath of a War Chest remains open 24/7!

Bendigo Bank Account: Save Perth Hills Inc. BSB 633 000. Account 160715942.

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Councillor's Column South Ward | Cr Luke Ellery | Shire of Mundaring

Dear Darlington Community,

On 31st July Council held a Special Council meeting to adopt two important documents:

1. Annual Budget
2. Council Plan – our 10-year vision for the future based on over 3,000 community submissions

At the time of writing, the final decision is not known but from the workshops and drafts, I'd like to highlight the following:

- An average rate rise of 3.6% is proposed. This is equivalent to CPI of the last quarter, lower than the 2023 average of 3.8% and lower than the Wage Price Index of 4.2% for 2023 and the recent quarter. It is my personal, firm belief that rate rises should always consider both these measures, pensioners and other vulnerable people often have payments indexed to CPI and young families often do it tough and can suffer under low wage growth and high inflation so Council spending should be restrained while meeting community needs
- **No increase** is proposed for the Waste Charge. Whilst there has been an increase in collection service with the introduction of FOGO, this cost has been offset at it is **40% cheaper** to process compost than send waste to landfill
- The Shire vision is that we are 'the place for sustainable living'
- Our Council Plan now recognises that our shire has three distinct communities:
    1. Foothills: borders bushland and includes Helena Valley Estate, Swan View and Bellevue
    2. Hills: large bush blocks including Darlington, Glen Forrest, Parky, Mundaring, Mt Helena and other areas
    3. Rural: far eastern rural properties such as Chidlow, The Lakes, Wundowie, etc

Each area has different priorities and Council will try to address these.

The Council Plan includes:

- A 10-year program of works to upgrade the changerooms at Boya, Glen Forrest, Mt Helena, and Parky Oval, and facilities at Brown Park
- Reviewing the Weed Management and Elimination Program.
- Developing an approach to raise awareness and participation in sustainable verge management practices on privately owned land.
- Developing a Footpath Network Strategy to improve connectivity across the Shire.
- Developing communications to raise awareness of multi-generational living and downsizing options now available through changes in State legislation.

In regard to the transition to FOGO, I am pleased that the proposed Council plan includes rebates for reusable nappies, sanitary products and nappy bins. As it now would be a month into the new collection, please do give any feedback to the Shire office, Cr Cook or myself (contact details on Review inside cover) how you are finding the change and any suggested improvements.

Kindest regards,

Cr Luke Ellery

Perth Hills Climate Change Interest Group Inc.

Renewables v Nuclear

Why embrace nuclear power when we now have a safer, reliable and less costly supply of renewable energy? Nuclear power In Australia would not be delivered until 2040 or thereafter.

Renewables - solar and battery storage, wind and pumped hydro - are quicker and less costly to build and deliver much cheaper electricity. Renewable power costs about $60-80 a megawatt hour. In recently built nuclear plants in the US, UK and the European Union, nuclear power costs around $200-$300 a megawatt hour.

And then there is the cost of building nuclear plants.

The latest nuclear plant in France (Flaman Ville) came in at four times the predicted price and 12 years late despite France having a long history with nuclear power. Of the five third-generation nuclear plants built this century in Western counties, all have had huge cost and time overruns. With no history of nuclear power, what chance has Australia of building nuclear plants on time and on budget.

At every level of cost, safety and deliverability, renewables with their proven technology surpass nuclear as a viable option, especially for reducing our electricity bills. Renewables also do not have the problem of disposing toxic nuclear waste in 'someone's back yard'.

When we seek lowest cost and reliable electricity, Australia's huge natural advantage of solar and wind clearly favours renewable power generation.

If you would like to know more about climate topics, subscribe to our newsletter on https://phccig.org or join our group.

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Cost of living Relief

The Albanese Labor Government understands that cost of living is the number one challenge facing families at the moment. That is why we continue to deliver real cost of living relief while driving down inflation to assist the local households managing their day to day budgets.

From 1 July, our government's tax cuts and energy bill relief will come into effect.

No matter who you are or where you work – under Labor, you will now pay less tax.

Every taxpayer in Hasluck will receive a tax cut – not just some. That's because we want people to earn more and to keep more of what they earn

Of course, this is just one part of our plan to help all Australians with the cost of living.

These measures have been designed to make life easier and more affordable for all Australians providing tangible relief at a time families in Hasluck need it most.

Alongside the Cook Labor Governments electricity credit, all households in Hasluck will receive $700 off their electricity bills this year, with the first payments of $350 being applied to electricity bills in July. We know this will ease the financial burden of electricity bills for more than 5 million Australians.

This substantial support will lead to significant savings on energy expenses, directly boosting household budgets and enabling small businesses to thrive in a more stable economic environment.

In addition to our fairer tax policy and energy bill relief we have put a freeze on the cost of PBS medicines for every Australian. We have overseen a third consecutive pay rise for 2.6 million workers, as part of our work to lift wages, and we have put more funding into building more homes in every part of the country, because to make housing more affordable, we need to build more homes.

These measures build on the steps that we've already taken to help people in Hasluck with the cost of living – like cheaper child care, fee-free TAFE and the biggest investment ever in expanding GP bulk-billing.

For everyone in our community this means greater financial support helping to alleviate housing stress and improve living standards.

There's more work to do, and we'll keep working every day to help all Australians with the cost of living.

Matthew Hughes MLA JP | Member for Kalamunda

I am very pleased that the Cook Government has provided $1.2 million funding to guarantee the future of HorsePower Hills. As many readers will know HorsePowerHills, a charitable organisation founded in 1978, has provided equine therapy to children and adults with disabilities in the Hills and across the wider community.

In anticipation of the ending of the longstanding private arrangement that provided a home for HorsePower Hills in Sawyers Valley, the volunteer group has been seeking a permanent new long-term home to accommodate its therapy services since 2017. Initially the group sought to negotiate a long-term lease of a portion of land at the Kath French Centre. Following several years of deliberations in mid-July 2021 the Department Communities at the eleventh-hour decided not to proceed with the proposed lease wishing not to compromise the opportunities for further development of the site.

The State Government grant, however, has enabled HorsePowerHills to purchase a 6.48-hectare property in Chidlow, providing additional space to meet growing demand for its equine therapy services, as well as providing a long-term home for the group's operations.

It has been my privilege to work with HorsePowerHills and the Cook Government to secure this outcome. By providing the space made possible by the acquisition of the property in Chidlow, HorsePowerHills will be able to cater their services to more Western Australians with disability. The funding also enables HorsePower the long-term certainty required to deliver newer equine therapy facilities.

Organisations like HorsePower play a tremendously important role in ensuring people with disability can participate and are included in our community.

I want to thank the Cook Government for helping to secure the future of what is an important service for the Perth Hills and wider Perth community. It has been a long journey working with HorsePower Hills to find the means to secure a new long-term home.

By supporting HorsePower Hills to secure the group's new home, we are upholding the State Government's Commitment to build a more inclusive Western Australia; one that empowers people with disabilities to participate meaningfully and to have the resources to do so. The whole community benefits when everyone can be included in all facets of life. Each of us has a responsibility in creating and being part of that type of community. This objective is at the core of the State Government's State Disability Strategy 2020 – 2030.

In that context it is important that we thank HorsePower Hills for the tremendously important work this volunteer group has done for many decades in supporting people with disabilities and their families. In that regard I would like to recognise the groups persistence and tenacity in advocating for a new site. We owe the membership a deep gratitude for their work and in particular the current leadership group: President Sheila Seal, Vice President Rebekah Millard, Secretary Lynn Fisher, Treasurer Jo Longman and Committee Members, Willie Warnock, Jane Liddiard, Nicky Bushell and Jenny Hale for their work.

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Search for Community Grants on the Shire website for funding guidelines or phone 9290 6678. All applicants must discuss their eligibility, ideas and options with the Community Capacity Building Officer before submitting an application.

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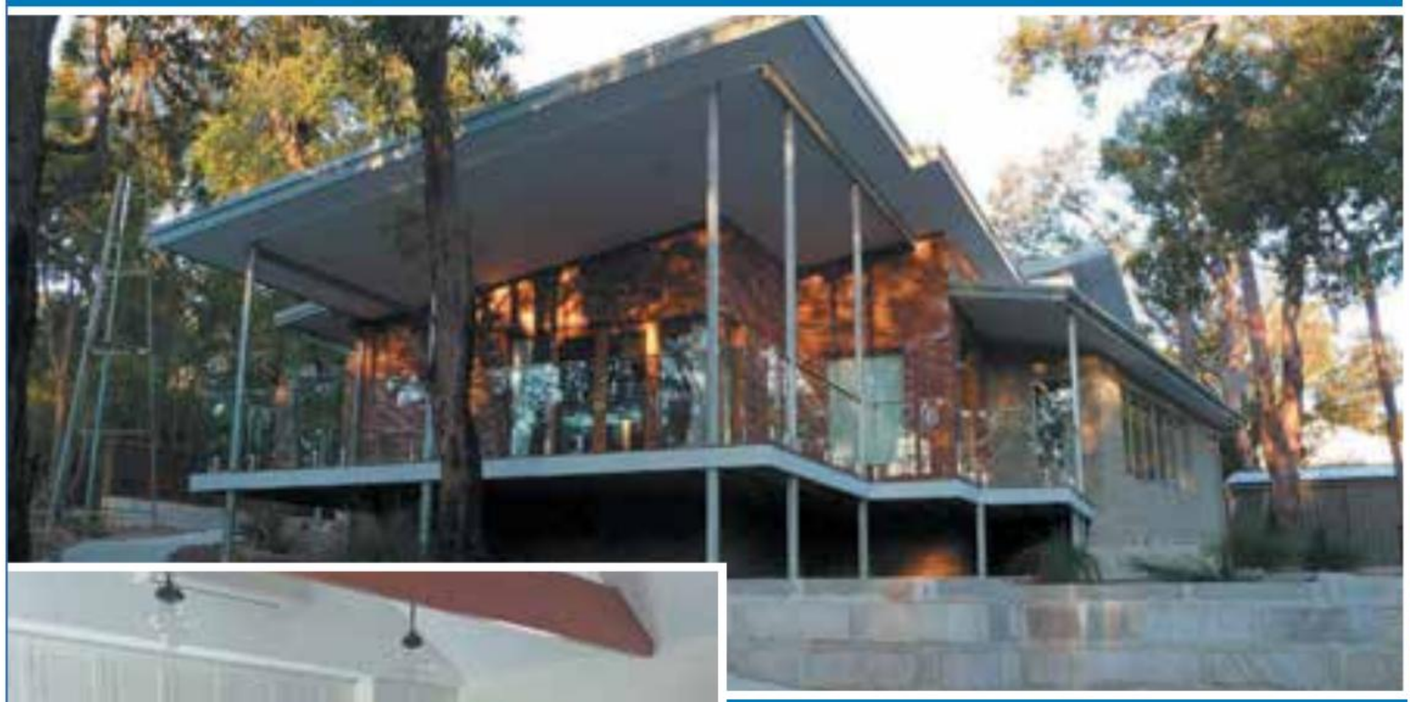

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- Next Brigade meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at the Darlington Fire Station.

Every winter people unfortunately die in house fires, and over 1,000 fires around Australia start in homes just like yours. Matches, lighters, candles, heaters, and charging devices and batteries are all too often the cause of fires in homes, and these fires can cause significant, costly damage and contribute to severe injury or death. Almost all of these fires are accidental and/or preventable, and you can improve your family's safety by taking a few simple steps.

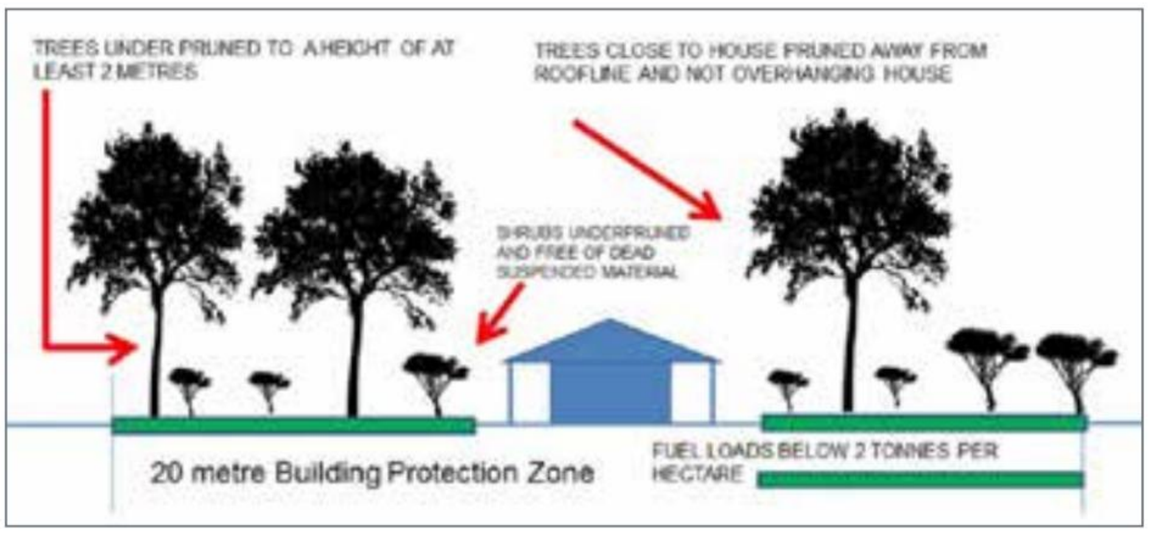
- Batteries and devices should never be charged on or in beds, or be left charging overnight.
- Candles should NEVER be left unattended, or be left burning overnight.
- Candles and heaters should be kept well clear of any combustible materials such as paper/cardboard, furnishings, curtains, and clothing.
- Keep lighters and matches away from children, preferably up high and locked away.
- Never leave children unattended with lighters or matches.

Candles & Oil Burners
Candles and oil burners are often responsible for starting house fires. To prevent this:
• Don't place candles in windows. They can be blown over causing blinds and curtains to catch alight
• Extinguish candles and oil burners before going to bed or leaving the house
• Never leaving children unattended with candles and oil burners.

Cigarettes, Lighters & Matches
The next biggest cause of house fires is from smoking materials. Make sure you:
• Never leave lit cigarettes unattended
• Don't smoke in bed
• Use ashtrays and extinguish cigarette butts completely
• Never leave children unattended around cigarette lighters or matches
• Be careful when smoking and drinking alcohol as you are at greater risk of falling asleep.

Accidental fires can occur in any home and be devastating for everyone involved, but the good news is you can play a part in preventing it from happening to you. For more information about home fire safety and preventing accidental home fires visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/site/fire-in-the-home/overview.html

The weather may have moved into winter, after another long and dry fire season, but we must not be complacent about playing our part in bushfire mitigation. Many tragic bushfire events over recent years serve as a reminder that everyone must play a part in mitigating the risks of living in a bush fire prone environment. Reviews of many major fires over the past decade have reinforced that landowners and residents must share responsibility to prepare, by reducing the potential risk of bushfire around their properties, and planning for bushfire emergencies.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If you have any concerns about the fuel load on your property leading up to the next fire season, the Darlington Brigade may be able to help. Property owners that would like the Brigade to consider doing a Hazard Reduction Burn on their property can call us on 9299 7217, or visit the Station between 9am and 10am any Saturday morning. An authorised officer will arrange a visit to examine your property, discuss your issues and provide a quote, based on such things as size, fuel load, topography, access, time to burn etc. (note: conducting HRBs is subject to weather and environmental considerations).

These burns also provide a valuable opportunity for training, development, re-qualification, and up-skilling of Brigade members.

Our Brigade's number cruncher, Eric B, has analysed the turn-out records for the Darlington Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade for the last financial year, including the 2023/2024 fire season. Here are some key figures:

- Total Incidents = 53
- Total Member Turnouts = 463
- Total Volunteer Firefighter Hours = 2313 hrs

Plus, Air Base Manager deployments of 72 hours across 72 incidents. And this doesn't include the meetings, training, and maintenance requirements of the Brigade's members. Remember, we are a volunteer brigade; so that is over 298 working days of community emergency service provided with no labour cost to State and Local government.

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By presenting your unique discovery and its story, you help preserve our local history, inspire others to explore their own homes, and have opportunity to connect with a group of like-minded history enthusiasts.

If you're not comfortable presenting in person, don't worry! You can submit your story and item, and we will be delighted to share it on your behalf. Whether you present or submit, your contributions are highly valued and appreciated.

To get involved, simply reach out to Lyn 9298 8604 or Ursula 0408 956 692.

Shire of Mundaring's Heritage Strategy

The Western Australian Heritage Act 2018 requires all local governments to maintain a Local Heritage Survey, ensuring appropriate conservation measures are in place for significant sites. In 2023, the Shire established a Local Heritage Survey Review Working Group, which considered present houses and places on the Municipal Inventory as well as several new additions. A draft Heritage Strategy was also presented to the public for feedback. Following the latest Shire of Mundaring Council Meeting on July 9th, the Heritage Strategy was adopted, marking a significant step towards preserving historical and cultural assets within the Shire.

Further to this, a Heritage Requirements for Planning Proposals Local Planning Policy (LPP) has been drafted and endorsed by council for community advertisement and soon open for public submissions. The LLP aims to articulate the Shire's potential approach to heritage development by facilitating the use and appreciation of heritage buildings. It seeks to preserve the character and cultural values of heritage sites, enabling their adaptive reuse through appropriate development. Additionally, the policy sets conditions for the retention and restoration of heritage places, ensuring their historical significance is maintained for future generations. This helps ensure our rich history remains a vital part of the community today and into the future.

DAF Fundraising - Bric-A-Brac Donations

With the cooler weather, it's now a great time to declutter. We are on the lookout for any of your unwanted bric-a-brac items, especially any photo frames larger than A4 to be put to good use for fundraising efforts at the upcoming Darlington Arts Festival. Unfortunately, due to storage and handling issues, we can no longer accept books.

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Darlington Bushwalk Series

Contact Details: Phone 9299 6696 email: cliffburns@iprimus.com.au

Wonderful Start to the Walking Season

Seven walks done and dusted. Between 31 and 36 walkers participated in recent walks.

Walk No. 3 was a little different walking alongside the Canning River behind Clontarf Education Centre. The river scenery and birdlife was quite stunning. Much of the area has been completely rehabilitated.

Walk No. 4 was conducted in the magnificent Karragullen bushlands. It was amazing to see how well the bushlands have recovered after one of the worst fires in memory (2011).

Walk No. 5 was a very different event conducted in the Manning Reserve. A combination of excellent parklands and natural bushlands was a real treat. The panoramic views from the highest points were extraordinary.

Walk No. 6 was conducted in the Hewitts Hill bushlands area. The local hills bushlands are starting to put on a real show after months of drought.

Walk No. 7 was at the Baigup wetlands. This area is a very important sanctuary for local birdlife. The Reserve is a wonderful example of how previously old wastelands can be redeveloped into valuable habitat for wildlife.

A Funny Thing Happened……

A bushwalker gets lost and ends up spending a few days wandering around in the harsh Australian bush looking for food. Finally, he catches a Numbat, hits it with a big rock, and begins eating it raw. A park ranger stumbles onto the scene, finds the hiker eating the Numbat, and arrests him for killing an endangered species. In court the hiker explains that he was on the edge of starvation and had no choice. "Considering the circumstances, I find you not guilty," says the judge. "But I have to ask - what did the Numbat taste like?" The bushwalker replied, "Well, your honour, it tasted like a cross between a Bandicoot and a Quokka."

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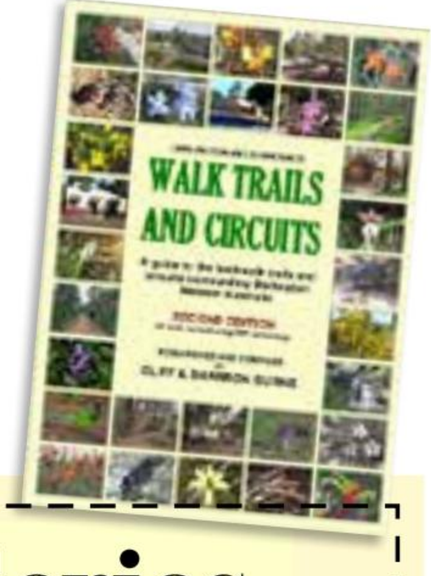

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Darlington Arts Festival

At time of writing we are only three short months away from the annual Darlington Arts Festival!

If you've enjoyed the festival in previous years, you will know it is a wonderful celebration of art and community in our village. Delivered annually by a committed and passionate band of volunteers on the first weekend of November, the oval and surrounds will come alive with music, performers, art, artisan stalls, food trucks, kids workshops, rides, visual arts, outdoor sculpture and more!

The DAF Committee has been meeting regularly and getting everything in place for this year's event.

New website!

In a few short weeks the Festival will have a brand new website! This will be the place to go to find out everything you need to know about the event.

Keep an eye on our socials to know when to jump on and be one of the first to explore the new website.

Funding applications

We are busily working on funding applications. If you know of a grant that we should be applying for – get in touch!

Art entries open now!

To keep up to date with opening and closing dates for art entries, check out our socials on Facebook and Instagram.

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Volunteers are the backbone of this event. We can't do it without you. Register to be a volunteer by emailing volunteers@darlingtonartsfestival.com and be part of the largest, volunteer-run community festival in Perth.

Katharine Susannah Prichard Writers' Centre

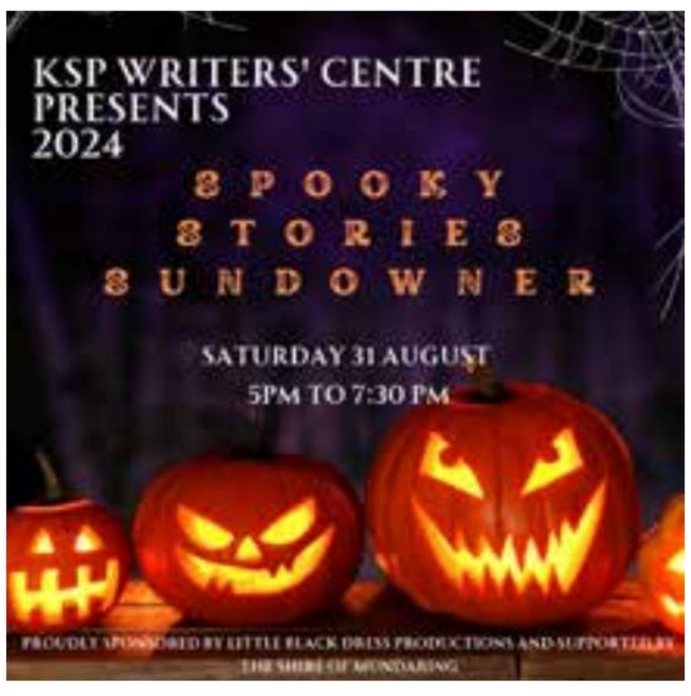
Writing Workshop:
So You Want to Learn Screenwriting
Saturday 3 August 2024, 1.00-3.00pm

Suitable for writers age 11+, interested in learning about the specifics of movie formatting, scriptwriting style, story structure, dialogue and development, and how to turn an idea into a fully realised film script. This workshop is facilitated by Zack Inglis, a creative writer, filmmaker and musician from Perth. Zack mainly writes for screen, in the genre of coming-of-age horror/thrillers, with comedic elements, and compelling characters. Costs: $25 members, $40 non-members.

KSP Writers' Centre Annual Spooky Stories Sundowner

When: Saturday 31 August 2024, 5.00-7.30pm AWST
at the KSP Writers' Centre.

This free event celebrates the launch of KSP's 2024 spooky story anthology, featuring all the winning and shortlisted entries from the KSP 2024 Spooky Story Competition sponsored by Tabetha Rogers Beggs of Little Black Dress Productions. **Register for your free ticket today!**



For more information on our residencies, competitions or other activities please visit the KSP website www.kspwriterscentre.com or phone 9294 1872. KSP Writers' Centre is proudly sponsored by the Shire of Mundaring.

Submit to our Annual Short Fiction and Poetry Competitions

Short Fiction Deadline: 6 September 2024. YOUTH (up to 17 years): Free, limit of one entry per person. ADULT (18 plus): $10 per entry, no limit on entries. Poetry Competition Deadline: 25 September 2024. YOUTH (up to 17 years): Free, limit of one entry per person. ADULT (18 plus): $10 per entry, no limit on entries. Annette Cameron Competition: $10 per entry, WA writers only.

The KSP Writers' Centre is proud to present our annual competitions for Australian writers, which is FREE for youth to enter thanks to sponsorship from the Shire of Mundaring. Judges will be looking for good quality original, engaging and unpublished writing. In both poetry and short fiction, all styles and themes are acceptable.

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Mundaring and Hills Historical Society

My Antarctic Days - Ron Wiggins

In the 1960s, Ron in his late twenties, decided to leave his warm Derby existence and join a small group to spend a year in Antarctica.

Ron's skills as diesel mechanic were essential in his role in the life of an isolated station in the great south land. Not only was he required to maintain the vital services that enabled the team to live in an extreme environment but the team was tasked to build a new base called Casey to replace the aging present base of Wilkes.

Three months training were undertaken, including using explosives, safety in Arctic conditions, power generation, abseiling and other survival skills. As much of the work at the base would involve heavy lifting, all of the team needed to be strong and fit.

The Thala Dan sailed from Melbourne on the 10th of January 1965 and so the adventure which would change his life forever, began.

The tasks ahead for the team, were to improve Wilks Base to provide safe and comfortable living conditions while carrying out necessary research projects and also building the new base of Casey about 10 kms away.

The next twelve months bought many challenges. The fierce storms which lashed the base caused all outside work to be delayed. Near misses occurred with crevasses opening up under vehicles and dog sleds. A number of these could have resulted in loss of life but for the resourcefulness of the team. Ron has some wonderful stories of his challenges with heavy appliances rolling in deep snow, rescuing his mates from crevasses and constructing the new station in hostile weather.

On the 7th of March 1966, the adventure was over as the men returned home. Ron will tell us how the group supported each other so far from home in extreme conditions.

These days Ron Wiggins and his wife Sue are living on a rural property in Mt Helena. With a few fruit trees and some sheep to mow the grass, they are living the dream.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

to be held on Saturday 17 August at the
Boya Community Centre, 135 Scott St, Boya
at 2pm

Followed by General Meeting at 2.15pm
Guest Speaker Ron Wiggins
at 2.45pm
"My Antarctic Days"

Light refreshments will be served after Ron's talk.

Ph: 9295 0540 E: mhhs@mundaringhistory.org

Glen Forrest Bridge Club (GFBC)

There is nothing like the warmth of a fire to warm the cockles of one's heart. This is a picture of the lovely fire that will greet you at the our lovely local bridge club. Maybe you have considered learning to play or to renew your interest in the game.

Glen Forrest bridge club, is a friendly and supportive club that caters to beginners and experienced players. It is located at the Glenforrest Sports Club in Mc Glew Road. Fees are very modest and include membership of the Sports Club.

For beginners, a very friendly and supportive session is held on Wednesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30. People can learn to play from scratch, refresh skills, or just play socially without the pressure of competition. No need to feel shy, everyone is made very welcome.

Apart from being a very interesting and challenging game, it is a great social outlet, meeting and mixing with all kinds of people from all walks of life. Many life-time friendships have formed over the bridge table.

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Forrest Darlings CWA

Forrest Darlings CWA representatives recently attended the Grant Awards Night at Mundaring Arena hosted by Community Bank Mundaring. Over the last financial year, Community Bank Mundaring, a branch of the Bendigo Bank, awarded almost $900,000 in grants to local community groups!

We were lucky to receive $715 to fund the installation of a CWA bench in Darlington. The bench will recognise the five year anniversary of our branch, which also falls on the 100 year anniversary of the CWA of WA. Watch this space for more news about where and when the bench will be installed.

We are also delighted to have received a Milestone Grant from the Shire of Mundaring to host an appreciation event for all past and present members of CWA branches across the Shire of Mundaring. Since 2024 marks the 100 year anniversary of the CWA of WA, this event will celebrate the achievements and contributions of members across the years. If you are a current or former CWA member residing in the Shire of Mundaring, please get in touch for your personalised invitation. Save the date: Saturday 19 October.

Guildford Market – Sunday 15 September

This edition of the Stirling Square Markets will be a special event where a large number of CWA branches will be hosting stalls. Please come along and support us.

About your CWA Forrest Darlings Branch

Forrest Darlings is a friendly branch of the Country Womens Association which meets monthly at Darlington Pavilion. Guests and non members always welcome.

Next meeting:
Wednesday 21st August 7pm

For more information follow Forrest Darlings CWA on Facebook or call Treasurer Jen Woods 0417 173 478

Baha'i Community of Mundaring

Last month we hosted our Community Conversations at the Darlington Lesser Hall. The morning started with coffee and croissants, helping everyone warm up despite the chill. We were thrilled to see people of all ages, from retirees to university and high school students, and even younger children enjoying the playground.

We provided some quotes from a range of philosophers and authors to prompt discussions within small groups, which were then shared with the whole gathering. The theme, "Finding Our Purpose," sparked thoughtful conversations, resonating with people of all ages.

One of the tertiary educators present felt that their purpose was to identify and nurture the latent talents and abilities within their medical students. They particularly connected with the quote "Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom."

The young adults discussed the pressures they felt to pursue a lucrative career and material success, but they believed that true happiness and fulfillment come from leading a balanced life, serving society and developing themselves spiritually. The Baha'i teachings align with this, stating "… the honour and distinction of the individual consist in this, that he among all the world's multitudes should become a source of social good. Is any larger bounty conceivable than this, that an individual, looking within himself, should find that by the confirming grace

of God he has become the cause of peace and well-being, of happiness and advantage to his fellow men? No, there is no greater bliss, no more complete delight."

Finding purpose and meaning is a weighty topic we explore during our weekly study circles and friendly potluck gatherings in Darlington, Glen Forrest, Mahogany Creek, and Mundaring. We invite you to join us as we learn together and discover our true purpose in life. You can find further details of these events, including our next Community Conversations coffee morning (Saturday 5 October at 10am), on our Facebook page and website.

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Celebrating 100 years of history at St Cuthbert's

To celebrate the laying of the foundation stone and 100 years of history, a pilgrimage style walk is planned for Sunday 29 September 2024. The walk will encompass some historical sites present when the church was founded as well as more recent developments. As the walk meanders through hills and bushland, there will be places to stop, admire views and contemplate along the way.

A pilgrimage-style walk gives us time out from busy schedules to learn about Darlington's history, take a walk to enjoy the beauty and enduring nature of buildings and landscape, and spend quiet moments reflecting on our relationship with these important sites in 2024.

The walks can be tackled in two ways. The first option includes a guided walk led by well-known Darlington author and hiker, Cliff Burns. Leaving from St Cuthbert's at 10am, walkers can choose to take a 2-hour walk or an extended 5-hour walk with Cliff that includes a viewpoint for lunch (walkers bring their own snacks, lunch and drinks and no dogs please). Alternatively, walkers can choose to self-guide the short or longer walk, starting and finishing at St Cuthbert's where you can enjoy a hot cuppa before and/or after.

The shorter and less demanding 2-hour walk places St Cuthbert's within its historical context while the more demanding 5-hour walk also follows bush trails with rest areas, viewpoints, and lunch spots marked. An on-line map of each route will be provided two weeks prior to the walk with descriptions of historical and natural points of interest, safety information and some questions to reflect on by yourself or to discuss with other walkers.

For those unable to walk, a drive route will be provided with the opportunity to stop at viewpoints. Everyone is welcome – adults, children, interested community members and those who know St Cuthbert's well. Children under 16 years need to be accompanied by an adult. Each walk requires a moderate level of ability and fitness as there is undulating terrain, historical steps and uneven surfaces.

To keep track of the number of potential walkers and the self-guided packs needed, please email your expression of interest to Holly and Kerry via **info@hillsanglicans.com**

1. In your expression of interest include the number of walkers and your preference for the 2-hour historical walk or the 5 hour walk.
2. Indicate if you would like to join the guided walk or prefer to walk self-guided. Be quick as there is a maximum of 25 people on the guided walk.
3. We will respond to your initial email to confirm your interest.
4. We will send you an on-line self-guided pack by 13 September for you to print and bring along.

If you do not have access to a printer, please let us know so we can print a hard copy to give you at the start of the walk. If you have mobility restrictions and require a more accessible walk or prefer a drive route, please let us know when you express interest.

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Advance Health Directive Workshop

Boya Community Centre, Thursday 8 August, 6pm to 8pm

Lisa Tranter and Erin Griffin are back with this popular presentation on Advance Health Directives in celebration of *Dying2Know Day*. Before creating an Advance Health Directive (AHD) it is important to have a good understanding of what advance healthcare planning is, and what is involved in the planning process. **Bookings essential at** https://080824b.eventbrite.com.au

Cook's First Voyage and the Transit of Venus: A Tale of Two Navigators with Arthur Harvey

Monday 19 August, Boya Community Centre, 10.30am-11.30am

Arthur Harvey will present a fascinating insight on the early use of stars for navigation by Captain James Cook and his encounter with Polynesian navigator, Tupaia, who helped Cook navigate the Pacific Ocean to record the transit of Venus. **Bookings essential at** https://190824b.eventbrite.com.au

Live Better with Less: Decluttering Workshop with Laura Monisse

Boya Community Centre, Wednesday 21 August, 1pm-2.30pm

Are you tired of feeling overwhelmed by clutter? Come along to this workshop to learn how to declutter your home and live better with less! This will be an interactive session where you will have the opportunity to connect with fellow participants. **Bookings essential at** https://210824b.eventbrite.com.au

Raising Children in a Digital World

Boya Library, Thursday 22 August, 10am-12pm

Shire of Mundaring Libraries is pleased to host this workshop presented by Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth (North East). The workshop is for parents of children aged 3-12 years. It aims to provide valuable insight and tools to protect our children online and find the balance within the family about the digital world we now live in. Topics include: exploring the bigger picture about the digital world, social media safety, cyberbullying prevention and managing screen time.

(Parents may bring babies under 5 months, but this session is not suitable for children to attend.) Bookings are essential for this free event at https://220824b.eventbrite.com.au

eReader Kits available for loan

The libraries will have eReader kits available for library members to borrow from Monday 29 July to access eResources via the Libby, BorrowBox, Kanopy and Hoopla apps. The kits include a Lenovo M8 tablet, headphones, and charging accessories all in a handy carry case. You can borrow the eReader kit for six weeks, and enjoy trying out digital books, audiobooks, magazines, comics, and more. The kits are a good way of trying eResources out before going to the expense of purchasing your own.

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The gallery space at Mundaring Arts Centre has been transformed into a *structural grotto (exchange)*. An installation featuring custom-designed-and-made tables, which conceptually draw on the Darling Fault, a local geological feature. This artistic landscape provides the environment for discussion, inviting the public to participate in 'not-so-round' table public conversations that includes specialists in the arts and sciences and a shared Indian meal.

Landsat and Satellite Multispectral Composite Image (detail), 1976.

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Photographers are invited to submit new photographic works that capture and communicate a unique and individual expression of identity, play and imagination - works that communicate the very movement of existence.

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Sarah Thornton-Smith and Max Thornton-Smith

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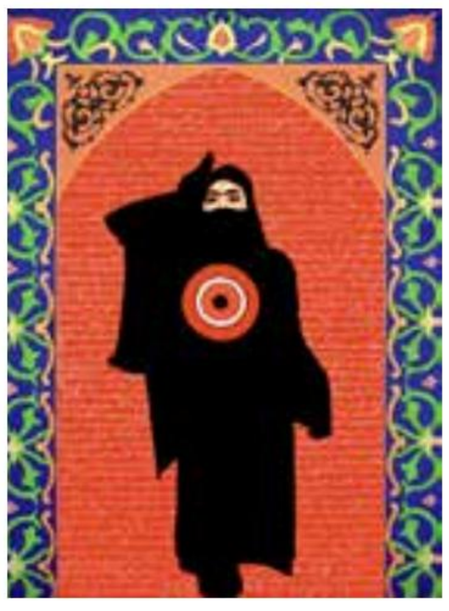
Max Thornton-Smith, The Land Before Time (detail), 2024, oil and charcoal on board. Image courtesy of the artist.



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Yasmin Khadembashi, Don't Act Suspicious. Photograph by Andrew MacKinnon.

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Marloo Theatre

The rehearsals for our next season at Marloo Theatre are well underway and looking good! Scripts are going down and sets are going up. Opening in late August, the One Act Season always proves to be very popular with our audiences, and with four fabulous plays being presented for the one ticket price, it is proving to be tremendous value also. For the 2024 season, the Darlington Theatre Players are performing a patchwork of plays that will make you laugh, make you sigh and leave you guessing.

Marloo Theatre delights in supporting our youth and first-time directors with their One Act Season and this year we are pleased to present three budding directors who are rising superbly to the challenge.

Harrison Ricci directing'*Cut*'– a play within a play within a play.

Brianna Thompson and Georgia Stidwell directing '*The Red House Monster*' a mystery story that leaves you wondering who the monster really is.

Rounding out the evening, they will be joined by Kieran Ridgeway who will be directing '*Bittersweet Lullaby*'– a beautiful story of music transcending time and one of our steadfast Marloo members, Ray Egan, directing and starring in '*Dinner For One*' – a classic comedy.

All four plays are completely different, and they promise to be a great night of entertainment for all our audiences. This year, due to popularity in the One Acts, we are trialing extending the season to 8 shows, so do be sure you don't miss out on booking your tickets.

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Darlington Retirement Accommodation Association (DRAA)

Well things have changed a little in the past couple of months on The Glen Committee. Carolyn has moved down South and Colin has decided his time is up. Both have been on the committee for several years and we thank them immensely for the work they have done.

Unfortunately it has left a big hole which needs filling. We need at least two more committee members, so we are putting a call out to Darlington residents, to see if there is anyone who would like to join our small committee and help run The Darlington Glen Retirement Village.

Some simple facts –

- We only meet four/five times a year
- Each meeting lasts 30 – 45 minutes
- A lovely home baked afternoon tea is provided
- We need a secretary, but it is not essential
- We are all volunteers
- We manage the running of the 5 villas that make up the village
- No prior committee experience needed.

If you have any interest in joining our committee, please reach out. We are happy to answer any questions, give you a tour of the Village and talk you through how easy it is to be a committee member. Call Lindsay on 0405 146 251

What's on at the Hub of the Hills for over 55's

AUGUST EVENT:

Soup Morning | Tuesday 13 August | 11am to 12pm
The Active Ageing Network, a group of older volunteers, will be supplying home made soup with bread directly after the Coffee Morning, for a $2 gold coin donation.

TECH SAVVY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you find helping others rewarding and enjoy interacting with older people, we would love to hear from you. Our Active Ageing Network committee at The Hub of the Hills in Mundaring urgently need volunteers who are tech savvy to help our older community members stay connected. Tasks will involve helping users on their own devices, including basic tasks such as setting up an email account or inserting a SIM card.

Day and Time - Tuesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am.

If this sounds like you and you have time to spare, please contact the Shire's Community Project Officer at The Hub of the Hills on 9290 6683 or email cso4@mundaring.wa.gov.au.

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The Darlington Club

Hi Everyone,

We had a fantastic evening for the Winter Solstice. So many tasty dishes. Everyone wrote down things in their life they wanted to move on with. We then had a great burning of these in the fire. It was very enlightening. After dinner we each spoke of positive things in our life. Highlighting how important family and friends are.

I will send through in the next review photos of our fund raising curry night held at the Glen Forrest Sporting Club. Uma is making her famous curries with condiments.

Sundowners coming up in August. So a good chance to socialise in this cold weather.

Please ring if you are wanting a Membership forms to join the club. It's a great place to get to know people and make new friends.

For existing members please remember fees are due now, so please pay to the account below with your surname in the reference area.

Looking forward to seeing you all on our Friday nights.

Fees to join are $20 per person or $40 for two or family. Payee The Darlington Club Inc. BSB 633 000, Account 124527748. Reference Surname and Subs.

Coming Events:

The Club opens at 6.30pm every second Friday at Darlington Lesser Hall. BYO drinks and nibbles.

August 2nd	Sundowner
August 16th	Sundowner
August 30th	Sundowner

Contact Sue on 0439 273 213 or email susanlavell10@gmail.com
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Darlington Dibbler Girl Guides

Inspiring girls to develop leadership skills and make positive contributions to their community.

The Darlington Dibbler Girl Guides enjoyed an exciting and interesting 'Mad Scientist' sleepover at the hall to finish off term 2. It was interesting to set up long term experiments looking at osmosis, capillary action and dissolution. The girls were also kept busy making their own focaccia (yeast experiment) and travelling rainbows. We even dissected some lilies!. Before bedtime we were fortunate to have a clear night outside so we could marvel at the constellations in the sky… The girls all had a fantastic time.

Our guides warmed up there singing voices to try a guides own song 'One Voice' and coming together in unity. We finished off our guides own with team work games.

Region camp is soon approaching in mid August, the girls can't wait!

We welcome new girls aged from 7-12 years. We meet at Kathleen Skipsey Hall – on Glen Road, Darlington on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7.30pm during the school term. If you have any queries regarding Darlington Dibbler Girl Guides please contact Karen on 0403 233 907 or enquire at Girl Guides WA.

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Cub Scouts
ages 8-11

Scouts
ages 11-14

Venturer Scouts
ages 14-18

Rover Scouts
ages 18-25

Adult Volunteers
ages 18+

Technology progress!

As many Darlington locals would know, internet access is a huge issue, and the Scouts and Guides haven't ever been able to access the internet and phone coverage in the Kathleen Skipsey Hall. This has been both a safety issue, and a challenge with doing many of the planning activities that require it. So it was very exciting to have a trench to the hall dug for laying the broadband circuit, and the NBN installed this past month.

Huge thankyou to the Shire of Mundaring, who provided a digger, 3 trucks, a concrete cutter, 3 men and plenty of good cheer to battle the local clay and rocks.

Can you help with our building improvement project?

Thanks to growth in numbers, we have a happy situation of needing more space, so we're after some advice from any local structural or building engineers to help with plans. We'd like to keep this classic old tin building live on in the community with some improvements and making it usable for many years to come.

Please get in touch with Rikki (groupleader@darlingtonscouts.com) if you have any ideas.

Thanks

We were delighted to secure two grants from the **Community Bank Mundaring** in their recent Lightning Grant; one to support youth and leaders to attend the Australian Jamboree, and one to provide a set of group flags, and some hall improvements. Committee representatives accepted the cheques at the presentation night, along with so many other local community groups in the hills that have been supported by the bank. BRAVO!

Bunnings Midland donated fire blankets for our camp boxes, a very welcome safety addition.

Coming up

- Operation Nighthawk overnight orienteering for Scouts from around WA is happening in Jurien Bay late July
- Mission Impossible team rogaining for Venturers will be held in the south west in mid August
- Cubilee will be held late October in Dardanup for Cubs from across WA
- Australian Jamboree: a number of our Scouts are joining a contingent of over 700 from WA attending the Jamboree (AJ2025) in January. Jamboree is 10 days of adventure in Maryborough Queensland. Fundraising is underway, so if you see any raffles, cake stalls, chocolate sales, sausage sizzles, wood raffles over the next few months please give them your support!

Darlington Scouts are open to boys and girls, comprising four sections:

• Joey Scouts	(age 5-8)	Monday
• Cub Scouts	(age 8-11)	Wednesday
• Scouts	(age 11-14)	Thursday
• Venturer Scouts	(age 14-18)	Friday

For information contact:

membership@darlingtonscouts.com, or www.darlingtonscouts.com or the **Darlington Scout Group Facebook page**.

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Ben H's Sri Lanka Travel Diary – 4-17 May 2024

Sigiriya – Passikudah (10-13 May)

For the trip to the middle of Sri Lanku to the next stage of our tour, our group split into two buses: Bus 1 – primarily adults – went via the Polonnaruwa medieval capital city ruins. Bus 2 (aka vomit comet – with additional sick bags) was primarily families that went direct to the resort.

Bus 1 had the pleasure and privilege of visiting various ruined palaces and tooth relic temples of VtG and the MC as well as the Stone Shrine featuring three statues of the Buddha in three different poses – including one very large one lying down - carved from the same large rock. The Supreme Leader tried to engage with the local primates but found the prostrate Buddha more appealing as it seemed less prone to running away.

We arrived at the gorgeous Maalu Maalu Resort where the wood-clad chalets framed a large central swimming pool leading down to a beautiful beach and warm water. To one side of the pool was a boat that had been converted into a bar with benches down either side. The mutiny on the Bounty had nothing on how fast DSCC members commandeered that particular boat.

On Saturday 11 May we had our third tour match at the Koddaimunai Sports Village. The KSV facebook page proclaimed that KSV was "feeling very excited" and to "get ready for the showdown of the year as KSV hosts its first-ever cricket match between our local heroes, Batticaloa Masters, and the esteemed (no less) DSCC all the way from Australia! Witness history in Batticaloa as one of the lead clubs takes on an international challenger! This is an event you don't want to miss!".

It was quite simply a brilliant day. We were welcomed out the front of the very impressive KSV pavilion by a line up of their junior players who each placed a lei over a player's head. The pavilion and ground were donated by a local who has made good and was opened on 4 April 2022. The ground is in a poor area and it's the ambition of this extraordinarily generous donor to produce a player or two in the next ten years to represent SL at the highest level.

During the game the locals started to play music on a sound system that would put some rock concerts to shame. Interspersed amongst different types of local music was Down Under that had most DSCC players singing along. Eventually the umpires told them to shut it down (the sound system, not the DSCC players) as there would have been no hope of hearing a nick behind. The drinks break brought out fresh coconuts with straws for us to drink and after the innings we were greeted with cold freshly cut watermelon.

At the end of the innings the Batticaloa Masters had amassed 171 off their 35 overs, their final wicket falling off the last ball

of the innings. DSCC top scored for the Masters by generously donating 39 extras including Nigel '9 inches' Durkin who bowled nine wides which he claimed were all only wide by an inch. Mick O'Reilly was the standout bowler, his cunning spin removing three batters who scored 1 run between them, Mick being indebted to wickie Guy Thompson who caught and stumped all three.

At the innings break we were treated to a delicious lunch of rice, chicken, fish ball and chutney (each in our own cardboard box which somewhat curiously had 'Bon Appetit' written on it).

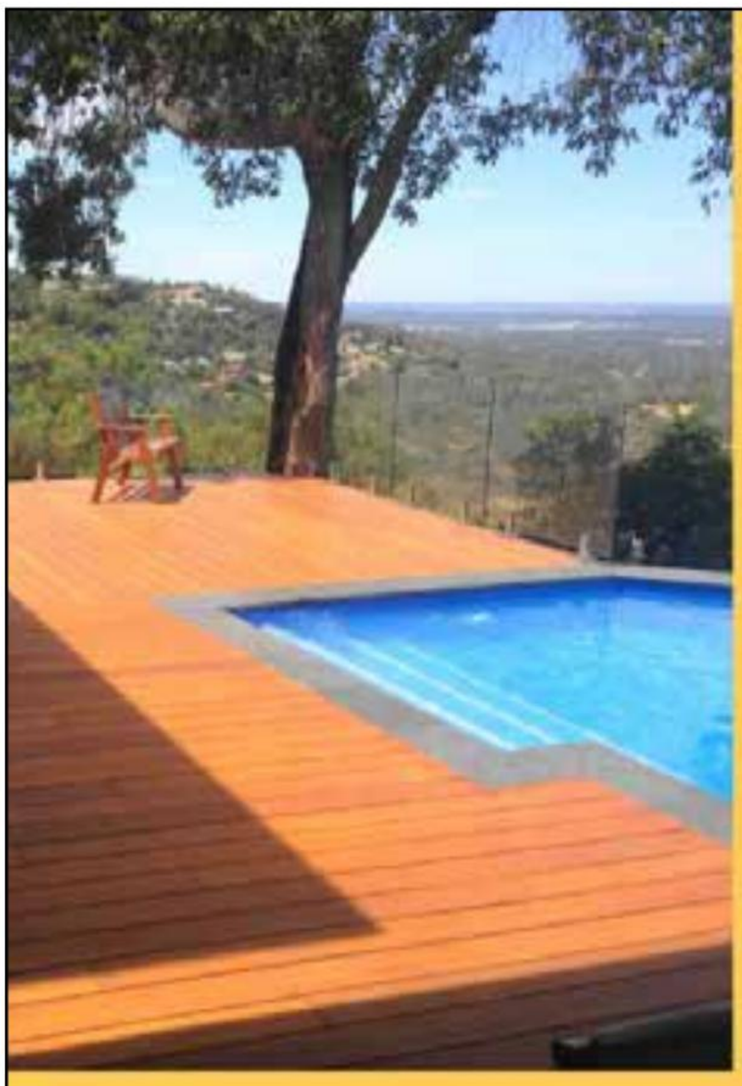
Captain Chris Arnold and Duncan Bell opened the batting beautifully, pummelling the bowling and each retiring after a quick 40. The other main notable contribution was Ian Scream Show who was the only batter of the top six to actually get out. He was no doubt taking pity on the well flogged bowling attack.

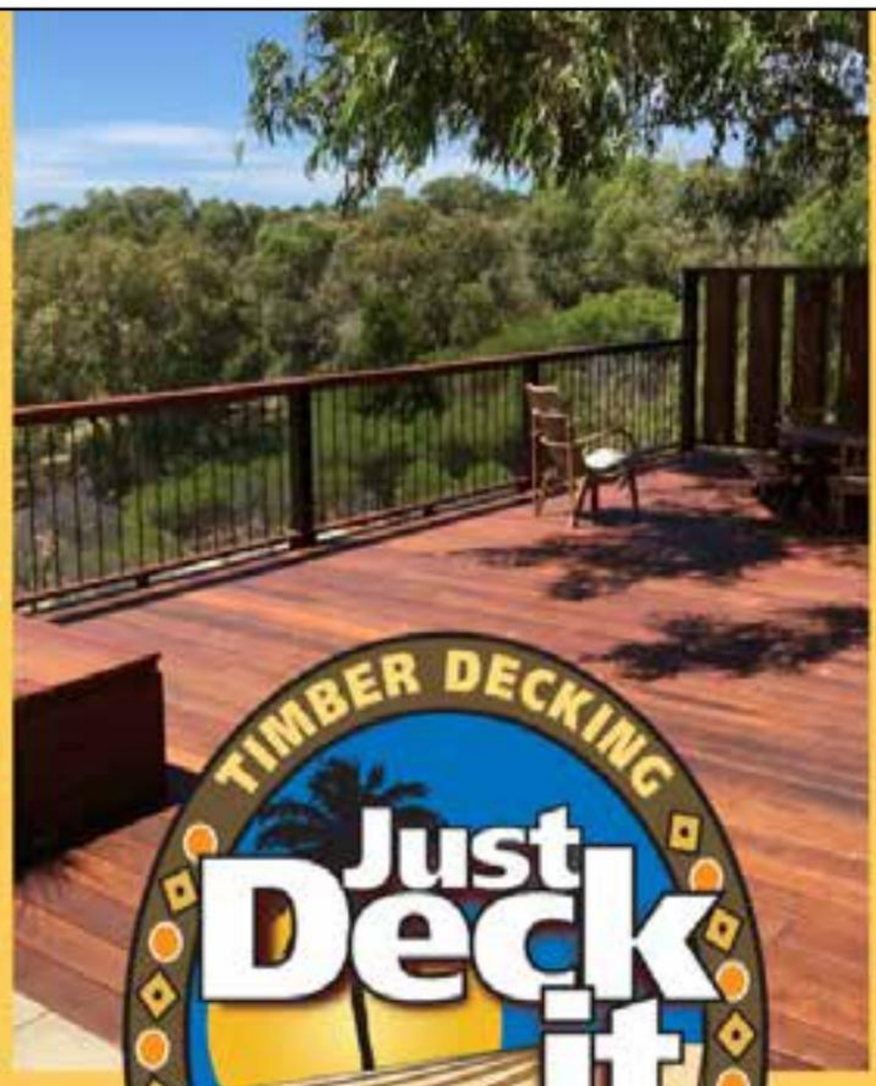
After the game was the presentations with speeches extolling the spirit and enjoyment of the game. DSCC had put together a collection for the local cricket youth academy which our President of course had the honour of handing it over, and we in turn were delighted with the gift we were each given – a framed copy of the photo of the two teams that had only been taken that morning prior to the start of the game.

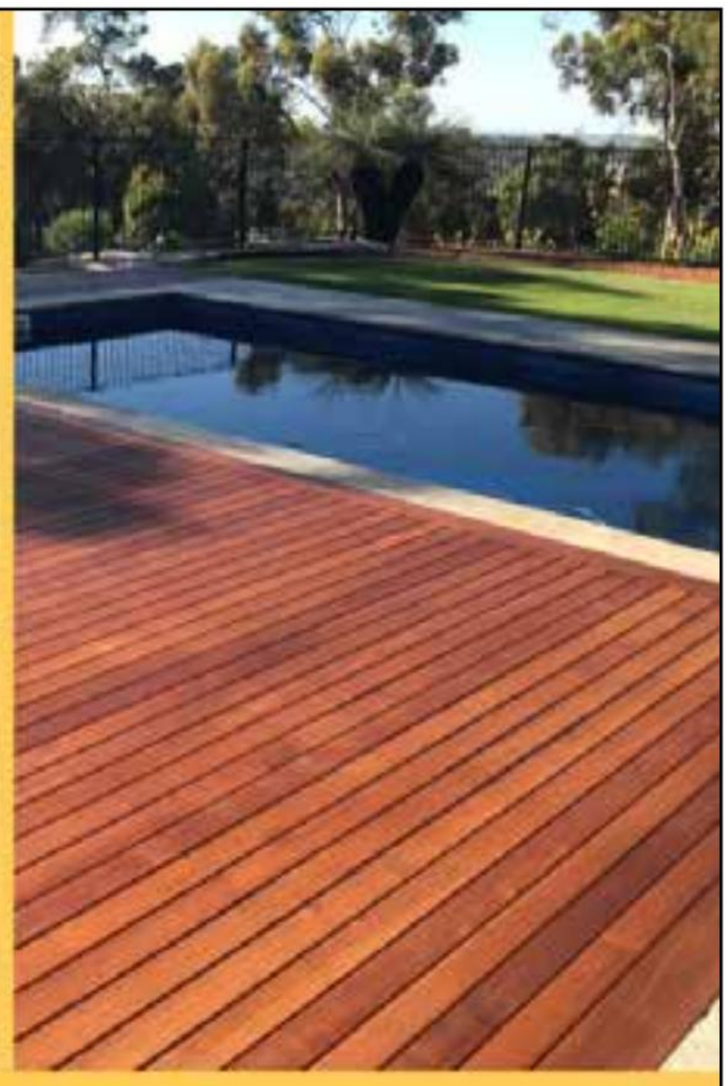
The following morning several among us went on a three hour boat and snorkelling trip. Your correspondent has limited snorkelling experience, but this was easily the best, particularly the wonderfully bright colours of the fish. We were given crackers to feed the fish (underwater) which were obviously well used to it as they would literally take it out of your hand – or occasionally, miss the cracker and try to have a bite of your hand instead.

That afternoon a few of us took tuk-tuks around the local town, looking for souvenirs, visiting the small port (with colourful fishing boats moored three abreast) and the chance to watch a local cricket match played on red dirt that screamed skin abrasion if one was unwise enough to dive for the ball. An appropriate end to our stay was a family karaoke evening.

The next morning was the start of the last chapter of our journey as we bid a fond farewell to Maalu Maalu and headed to our final destination of Kandy.







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There will be plenty of activities for your children including woodwork, bread baking, digging for crystal treasures in the kindys, a coconut shy, circus skills and much more. You will also be able to see the children singing and performing throughout the day, including the Silver Tree Choir and talented String Ensembles.

Come and grab yourself some lunch from our many food vendors, or simply a coffee and a homemade cake whilst browsing the many local market stalls, including a big second-hand clothing stall. Our school shop will also be open on the day selling Steiner stationery, craft, gifts and jewellery.

We look forward to welcoming you to Silver Tree Steiner School on Sunday 8th of September from 10am – 2pm.

STEPPING BACK IN TIME

Helena College's Pre-primary students spent Term Two diving into the past, exploring what life was like in the 'olden days'. The inquiry encouraged students to explore and develop an understanding of how things change with the passage of time.

The students visited the Kalamunda History Village, sparking lots of questions and lots of learning. They explored the village, discovering what shops, houses, schools, machinery and transportation looked like in the past. One of the highlights of the visit was the fruit grading machine, which thoroughly captivated the students.

The children also enjoyed sketching the things they saw at the Village. On their return to class, the Pre-primary students went over their drawings with charcoal. The children loved exploring this medium in their art activity.

They also started contributing items to their class's 'Olden Days Museum'. These items, which included family photographs, old toys, medals, and technology, allowed the students the opportunity to share their personal connection to the past, and especially to the context of themselves and family.

To further foster their understanding of the past from different perspectives, the children invited their grandparents, and even some great-grandparents, to share their stories over morning tea in the Early Learning Centre. Some grandparents travelled very long distances to participate, making it a very special occasion. The grandparents loved sharing their stories about the past and the children enjoyed hearing about how school has changed and how different it is to go school today. These firsthand accounts provided personal connections to history, illustrating changes over time in a very relatable way.

The 'Olden Days' inquiry was more than just a history lesson. By engaging with history in a multifaceted way, Pre-primary students are developing a deeper understanding and appreciation of the past while strengthening their sense of identity and community.

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Class 9 History Main Lesson: The Events Leading up to World War Two

A strength of the Waldorf History Curriculum is how it is designed to match the child's development. The History Curriculum offers a real breadth and depth to History and allows pupils to leave with a wealth of knowledge and a greater understanding of not only their place in history, but also how their history can shape the future.

From dramatic reenactments of World War I, to writing and presenting radio advertisements, heatedly debating the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, and writing diary entries from different perspectives, this Class 9 Main Lesson was a busy and interactive exploration of the events leading up to the onset of World War II.

Students were challenged at times with some of the content of this Main Lesson, in particularly when we examined the progressive persecution of the Jews under the Nazi regime.

To compliment this Main Lesson, Class 9 students have been exploring German Expressionism in Visual Art classes. Throughout the term, they were introduced to lino printing as an art form. Students were tasked with designing, carving and printing their own lino prints inspired by the events of World War II.

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This year, Treetops has welcomed Janet and Mackenzie from Spare Parts Puppetry Theatre to work with students from Years 7-10. Their projects have involved utilising recycled materials to create creature puppets as well as practising the skills of performing puppetry.

In developing their puppets, students have combined problem solving skills, imagination, creativi-ty, and the specific construction principles of puppetry design. The goal is for the students to showcase their creations at the annual Performing Arts Night in September.

Jaimie from 'Schools Go Dance' has been working with the students in Years 1-6 and selected Sec-ondary students to prepare group dance performances. These will also be performed at the up-coming Performing Arts Night.

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Darlington Community Garden (DCG)

In and around the Darlington Community Garden!

Greetings, from the Darlington Community Garden (DCG). We hope everyone is enjoying the rains of Makuru, especially the gardeners; this is a great season to plant out leafy greens, celery, beetroot, potato, sweet potato, bush beans, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, coriander and dill.

The cool wet weather will help these plants to grow strong roots which will support their growth through Djilba and Kambarang, our spring then through Birak, first summer. This allows us, to have fresh garden produce will into summer before it gets too hot and dry for salad greens and leaf herbs.

In the community garden, we have been enjoying our beautiful creek as it fills with the winter rains and runs swiftly, past the rocks that line its banks and through the log and twig frog habitat, enthusiastically put in place by children and adults hoping the frogs will come to live and thrive in our beloved creek.

We have been buzzing around like bees in the community garden during Makuru. On the 4th of July, the Darlington Community Garden held our winter Nature Play Day and the garden had over fifty children play in it. We had so much fun cooking damper in an open fire oven, cracking and eating farm grown Macadamia nuts, splashing around in the mud pit, planting peas into eco-friendly pots, creating fairy gardens, dancing around the fire and playing music.

"I absolutely ADORE this initiative and think that, regardless of the fact my babbies are now adults, I'm taking a day off and coming in my wellies to the next one." Heidi Jannetta, posted on the DCG Facebook page.

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SUNDAY 11 August from 4.30pm
(2nd Sunday of month)

Bring produce, seeds, cuttings, plants, herbs, jams, etc and plate of food and drink to share.

From 5pm - **DRUMMING CIRCLE** and Yarning. Drums provided.
(Every second Sunday)

Nature play Days, are always our favourite days as well! Thank you, Kate Herren, for all the effort and love you put into creating this beautiful time for our young community members. Our heart felt appreciation to everyone who gave their time in service for our beloved children; they really enjoyed themselves and the smiles on their beautiful little faces was worth the effort.

With the upcoming Mundaring Shire Bulk Verge collection (26 August) the Darlington Community Garden has embraced the opportunity to fund raise.

We are undertaking a "Colour Run" with a twist - the collection and safe disposal of old, unwanted paint. While this benefits the DGC, it also aids in protecting our beautiful natural environment.

On Sunday 18 August from 1pm – 4pm, the DCG will host a sausage sizzle and cake stall with garden tours for the public. BRING YOUR OLD PAINT TINS! You can leave your old paint tins with us while you enjoy some food and the community garden. Alternatively contact Heidi.jannetta@gmail.com to arrange collection from your home in the week prior.

Pricing Schedule	
1L	$2
4L	$5
Sample Pots	$1
Collection from home (easy access, stacked)	$10

What happens next

The Darlington Community Garden, will transport the old unwanted paint to the Redhill Waste Management Facility "Paintback Scheme". Paintback, has collected and treated over 51 million kilos of unwanted paint and packing to date. Imagine 51,000 medium size cars for scale! Paintback, transports the paint to their facility where the packaging is separated from the liquid waste. Containers are recycled subject to their contamination; solvent paint can be used as an alternative energy source, water is separated from acrylic paint and the byproduct is used in a variety of industrial applications, all significantly reducing land fill.

Accepted Paint Types

- Deck coatings and floor paints
- Interior and exterior architectural paint
- Packaging
- Primers
- Sealers
- Stains and shellacs
- Undercoats

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The Curved Ball

As can happen in life in general, we FODS have been thrown a curved ball. We have recently received advice from the Shire of Mundaring that, under the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage provisions, a boundary change in the Helena River catchment has meant that the Darlington Station Reserve now falls within this registered site boundary. For this reason, we are currently not permitted to engage in:

"*any on-ground works that will involve impacting the ground or moving soil.*"

So our regular 2 hour Sunday work sessions are suspended while the Shire of Mundaring pursue a solution. For further information you can access the Aboriginal cultural Heritage Inquiry System at dplh.wa.gov.au.

We met for morning tea on the Sunday following receipt of this advice and resolved to keep our group together as best we can but we have significant concerns at this time. The most distressing is that the reserve we work so hard to maintain will regress to the weed infested industrial wasteland we took on years ago. The other of course is that we may not have a group to catch up on the work when this shemozzle is resolved.

In the meantime please enjoy the flowers that are starting to appear on the reserve, the bush and our own gardens; I recommend both to you for your gardens.

Photo 1: Prickly Hovea - always the first splash of colour we see at this time of the year and it will self-seed easily.

Photo 2: Hakea Burradong Beauty - tough as goats knees as the saying goes. Low growing and sprawling. So pretty in my garden as I write.

Keep walking through the Station Reserve and enjoying it while you can.

If this issue concerns you too, please contact your local State Government member and the shire of Mundaring and your counsellors and make your concerns heard.

I fear that this might be the last you hear from us for a while but we will report any progress made towards a resolution to this through the Review.

Diane

Hakea Burradong Beauty

Prickly Hovea

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Monday AM	Oil & Acrylic Painting	9:00am	11:30am	$120.00
Monday AM	Woodwork - Own Projects	9:00am	11:30am	$120.00
Monday PM	Uthando Doll Project	12:45pm	3:15pm	Free
Monday PM	Mixed Media Masterclass	12:45pm	3:15pm	$130.00
Monday PM	Woodwork - Own Projects	12:45pm	3:15pm	$120.00
Tuesday AM	Chair Yoga	9:30am	11:00am	$100.00
Tuesday AM	Wood Turning	9:00am	11:30am	$100.00
Tuesday PM	Yoga Gentle Afternoon	12:45pm	2:15pm	$100.00
Wednesday	Bahasa Indonesia Intermediate	9:30am	11:30am	$100.00
Wednesday	Clay Sculpture Group - Intermediate	9:00am	11:30am	$120.00
Wednesday	Leadlight Wed Morning	9:00am	11:30am	$100.00
Wednesday	Sewing - Morning Session	9.30am	12:00pm	$100.00
Wednesday	Leadlight Wed Afternoon	12:45pm	3:15pm	$100.00
Wednesday	Wood Turning	12:45pm	3:15pm	$100.00
Wednesday	Sewing - Afternoon Session	12:30pm	3:00pm	$100.00
Wednesday	Clay Sculpture - Studio Time Only - Casual Class	12:45pm	3:15pm	$12.00 / Class
Thursday AM	Leadlight Thurs Morning	9:00am	11:30am	$100.00
Thursday AM	Mosaics	9:00am	11:30am	$100.00
Thursday AM	Wood Turning Beginners	9:00am	11:30am	$100.00
Thursday AM	Pottery Wheel - All Levels	9:00am	11:30am	$120.00
Thursday PM	Leadlight Thurs Afternoon	12:45pm	3:15pm	$100.00
Thursday PM	Traditional Upholstery	12:45pm	3:15pm	$100.00
Friday AM	Creative Writing	9:00am	11:30pm	$100.00
Friday AM	Ceramics Hand Built Introduction (Continuing Students Only)	9:00am	12:00pm	$120.00
Friday AM	Hatha Yoga	10:00am	11:30am	$100.00
Friday AM	Rigid Heddle Loom Weaving	9:00am	11:30am	$100.00
Friday PM	Watercolour Painting 102 (Continuing Students Only)	12:30pm	3:00pm	$130.00
Friday PM	½ Hour Reiki Sessions by appointment Ph 0422 981 698	12:00pm	2:00pm	$10.00
	WEEKEND CLASSES			
Saturday AM	Wellbeing Through Movement	9:00am	10:15am	$60.00
Day	**Workshops**	**Start**	**Finish**	**Cost**
2nd Saturday	Felting Group	10:00am	3:00pm	$10.00 per
Saturday 27th July	Acrylic Painting Workshop (For this workshop please book through www.trybooking.com)	9:30am	2:30pm	$140.00 Including lunch.

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